(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. Rs. 125 to start a Co-operative Store.

PULLAZHI DEPRESSED CLASSES COLONY—EXPENDITURE ON TEMPLE OR FESTIVAL

60. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any amount was spent in 1114, 1115 and 1116 for the maintenance of the temple or for its annual festival of the Pullazhi Depressed Classes Colony (Sivaramapuram);

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what amounts were spent each year?

(*c*) from which sub-head of the Budget was this amount spent;

(*d*) what deity is installed in the Sivaramapuram temple?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Answer not necessary.

(*c*) Do.

(*d*) "Sree Subrahmanya".

TOWN COUNCILS—SANITARY INSPECTORS—APPOINTMENT OF

61. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Town Councils in the State and where they are constituted;

(*b*) the number of Sanitary Inspectors working in each Town Council;

(*c*) whether there are not two Sanitary Inspectors in the Nemmara Town, one under the Town Council and another under the Public Health Department on 10th Medam 1116;

(*d*) if the answer is in the positive, the names of these Inspectors and their periods of service and qualifications;

(*e*) who were the applicants for the post of the Sanitary Inspector under the Town Councils; the qualifications and service and pay, if any?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Three; Nemmara, Kunnamkulam and Vadakkancheri.

(*b*) There is now a Sanitary Inspector for the Kunnamkulam Town Council. In Nemmara and Vadakkancheri the local Sanitary Inspectors attached to the Public Health and Panchayat Department are now attending to the needs of the Town Councils also.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*)

Name	*Total service on 10—9—1116*	*Qualifications*
1. Mr. M. I. Chakkunni, Sanitary Inspector, Public Health and Panchayat Department	8 years and 5 and odd months	School Final and Sanitary Inspector's Test, (Madras)
2. Mr. N.M. Chamukutti Nayar, Sanitary Inspector, Town Council	1 year and 9 and odd months	School final and Sanitary Inspectors' Test (Bombay)

(*e*) A statement giving the information is placed on the Table.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know, Sir, whether in Nemmara and Vadakkancheri, besides the local Sanitary Inspectors other Sanitary Inspectors were functioning before 10th Medam 1116.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Not exactly.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* The answer is "yes".

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I speak of Vadakkancheri and Nemmara.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Does the arrangement continue even now?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know, Sir, what was the reason for beginning an arrangement like this—one

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Sanitary Inspector for the town of Nemmara and another for the rural areas?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* A separate Sanitary Inspector was considered necessary for the Town Council and for the adjoining rural parts there. A separate Sanitary Inspector was appointed. But, subsequently, as a measure of retrenchment and as there was not sufficient work, we thought one alone would suffice for the purpose.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* When was the new arrangement made?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* About 2 months back.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Was it after the receipt of the question?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No. It was in consonance with a scheme of re-organisation of the Department which was published in the Gazette.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* According to the re-organisation of the Department only in case there are two Town Councils there will be a special Sanitary Inspector for Kunnamkulam and Pazhanji together. In case Pazhanji is not a Town Council, will there be a Sanitary Inspector for Kunnamkulam?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It will be considered when the question is finally decided.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* In answer to a sub-division, the names of two Sanitary Inspectors are given. Of the applicants was he the person having the longest period of service?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. Mr. Chamukutty Nayar happened to be the man who had the longest service according to the waiting list in the Staff Selection Board.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I want an answer to my question, whether he was the seniormost in point of longer service on the date of first appointment?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He was not the seniormost in point of longer service, when the service as a whole is taken. There were others with longer service but they refused to accept it.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Out of the applicants how many have refused?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: There were 4 or 5 applicants to the Staff Selection Board who wanted to come in. Of these, Mr. Chamukutti Nayar happened to be the seniormost and there were others also in the Department of Public Health and Panchayats and these people did not want to go to Nemmara as a Town Council Sanitary Inspector. That is why Chamukutty Nayar happened to be appointed.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Because Government said their lien will be cancelled if they go to the Town Council?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: If they go to the Town Council all complications will arise. The State service is pensionable, this service is not pensionable.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: May I know whether persons appointed in Municipalities as Municipal Commissioners lose their lien on their substantive appointments in Government service?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: No, they don't.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: Why do they make a distinction in the case of Sanitary Inspectors?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The case of Municipal Commissioners is different, because they are statutory appointments for 3 years; whereas in the Town Councils they are permanent.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: So Chamukutti Nayar has lost his lien in Government service.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: He was a vaccinator. He has now lost his lien. He was prepared for it.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: Is it the case of the Government that all other applicants—there are 9 applicants—excepting Mr. Chamukutti Nayar refused to accept the post of Nemmara Sanitary Inspector?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: They were all asked and Chamukutti Nayar alone came agreeing to accept the post.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: Who are the applicants? Is there any record to show that they refused to accept the post?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: They were asked and they all refused.

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Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Were memos sent asking them whether they were willing?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In some cases, I think, memos were sent. In other cases, they were personally interviewed and asked.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* In which all cases memos were sent and in which all cases interviews were granted?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether Government servants are not lent to Municipal service?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* This is a permanent appointment in a Town Council and there is no question of lending of services there.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* What was the necessity of sending memos to some of the applicants and not to others?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Others came of their own accord to interview the Minister. When this aspect was put, they withdrew.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether this appointment is within the purview of the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What is the necessity of the applicants to see the persons who are not in the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Because men who are in the service have to be drafted by Government, not by the Staff Selection Board.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Vaccinators are getting Rs. 30 and some of them have got the Sanitary Inspector's test. In olden times generally they did not get a promotion. So it was decided that when vacancies arise, vaccinators with Sanitary Inspector's test must be preferred and this principle has been followed for the last two years and many of them have been appointed Sanitary Inspectors when vacancies arose. In this case the pay is Rs. 30—40 and not Rs. 40—60, and by coming to the Municipality they lose their lien on Government service. Many of the vaccinators who have acted previously were asked and they

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all declined to come into this place thinking that in course of time they may even get the higher grade of Rs. 40—60. That was the secret. They get pension also. Though immediately this is better, in the long run the other would prove to be the better. That is the real state of affairs. There is no *Kumbhakonam* played here.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Do the Government give to the Madras qualification the same importance as the Bombay qualification?

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)* : In answer to sub-division (*e*), there are 4 applicants including Chamukutti Nayar who were in service till 1st Mithunam 1116. Out of the 4 only Chamukutti Nayar came up to accept the post?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : All the 4 were available for appointment. But according to the rule of rotation followed by the Staff Selection Board, it was the turn of the Nayar community. Therefore, he was given.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: If any of the departmental people were willing to accept this post, this would not have gone to the Staff Selection Board. It is because of their refusal that it went to the Staff Selection Board.

INDEX NUMBERS REGARDING COST OF LIVING OF LABOURERS

62. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have in possession the cost of living index numbers in respect of the labouring classes in the following places: (1) Mattancheri, (2) Tatapuram (Ernakulam), (3) Trichur, (4) Amballur (Pudukad);

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the numbers in each of the above places in the last month of 1939 and all the months of 1940 and 1941;

(*c*) whether the numbers do not indicate a higher cost of living for the labouring classes after the out-break of the war?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Do.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Is it not the practice of civilised Governments to take the index numbers regarding the cost of living?

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